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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FEATURE FILM SHOWINGS

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1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING REF A. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR NOTIFYING US OF POSSIBLE DATES FOR SHOWING "THE TOWERING INFORMO" IN PEKING. UNFORTUNATELY, WE JUDGE THIS FILM NOT SUITABLE FOR AUDIENCE WE WOULD NEED TO INVITE TO MAKE SHOWING WORTHWHILE REPRESENTATIONAL EFFORT AND THEREFORE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DECLINE THE OFFER. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE MUST RENT INTERNATIONAL CLUB THEATER TO SHOW 35MM FILMS IN PEKING AND SUITABLE SUBJECT MATTER REGRETTABLY IS LIMITED BY NECESSITY TO USE THESE FACILITIES. OUR READING OF REVIEWS INCLUDED IN REF. A SUGGESTS THAT "HARRY AND TONTO" WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR US HERE AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE AGENCY OBTAINING IT FOR PEKING SHOWING. IF 16MM PRINTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE OTHER OFFERINGS ON THE LIST IN REF A, WE COULD MAKE EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIONAL USE OF THEM WITH SMALLER, MORE SELECT AUDIENCES.

2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AT LEAST TWO 35MM SHOWINGS FROM THE LIST GIVEN REF C. OUR FIRST CHOICES ARE "BAMBI" AND "ANNIE GET YOUR
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GUN." PLEASE ALSO ADD 16MM PRINTS OF "ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS",

"SOUNDER", AND "TWELVE ANGRY MEN" TO CLASSIC FEATURE FILM PROGRAM
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